

The Affections

Should be supremely set upon God.

Deuteronomy 6:3. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy Fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Mark 12:30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

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Upon the commandments of God.

Psalms 19:8-10. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and Righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Psalms 119:20. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

Psalms 119:97. MEM. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Psalms 119:103. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalms 119:167. My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

Upon the house and worship of God.

1 Chronicles 29:3. Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

Psalms 26:8. LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Psalms 27:4. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire

in his temple.

Psalm 84:1-2. How Amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Upon the people of God.

Psalm 16:3. But to the Saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

Romans 12:10. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

2 Corinthians 7:13-15. Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all. For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth. And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

1 Thessalonians 2:8. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the Gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

Upon heavenly things.

Colossians 3:1-2. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Should be zealously engaged for God.

Psalm 69:9. For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

Psalm 119:139. My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Galatians 4:18. But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only

when I am present with you.

Christ claims the first place in.

Matthew 10:37. He that loveth Father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Luke 14:26. If any man come to me, and hate not his Father, and mother, and wife, and children, and Brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Enkindled by communion with Christ.

Luke 24:32. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Blessedness of making God the object of.

Psalms 91:14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Should not grow cold.

Psalms 106:12-13. Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

Of Saints, supremely set on God.

Psalms 42:1. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalms 73:25. Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

Psalms 119:10. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Of the wicked, not sincerely set on God.

Isaiah 58:1-2. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their Sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

Carnal Affections should be mortified.

Romans 8:13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Romans 13:14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1 Corinthians 9:27. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any

means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Colossians 3:5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; Fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil Concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

1 Thessalonians 4:5. Not in the lust of Concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

Carnal Affections crucified in Saints.

Romans 6:6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of Sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve Sin.

Galatians 5:24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the Affections and lusts.

False Teachers seek to captivate.

Galatians 1:10. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the Servant of Christ.

Galatians 4:17. They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

2 Timothy 3:6. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly Women laden with Sins, led Away with Divers lusts,

2 Peter 2:3. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose Judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

2 Peter 2:18. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

Of the wicked, are unnatural and perverted.

Romans 1:31. Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

2 Timothy 3:3. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce,

despisers of those that are good,

2 Peter 2:10. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.